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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a one-month Extension of Time, to and including January 3, 2004, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 12, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Our Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$110.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

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